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Attorney's Docket No. 032590-063

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)
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Hirayama, et al.) Group Art Unit: 2874
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Application No.: 09/593,803) Examiner: Kang, Juliana K.
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Filed: June 15, 2000) Confirmation No.: 9412
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For: OPTIC FIBER WIRING APPARATUS)
AND OPTICAL FIBER WIRING)
METHOD)

AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for ☐ \$55.00 (2814) ☐ \$110.00 (1814) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- ☐ Also enclosed is _____
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$370.00 (2801) ☐ \$740.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted ___, on ___, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least ___, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.
- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

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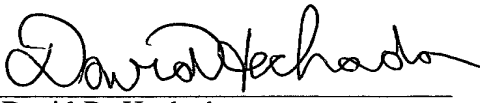
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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

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Sir:

On September 12, 2002, the Applicants filed a Response and Submission under RCE to the Office Action of **June 13, 2002**. The present Supplemental Amendment is also Responsive to the June 13, 2002, Final Office Action. The present Supplemental Amendment addresses minor grammatical issues in the claims.

Please amend claims 1 and 23 as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Three Times Amended) An optical fiber wiring apparatus for wiring a wiring substrate, comprising:

a wheel-less wiring head which guides an optical fiber to a lead end thereof along a guide groove through which the optical fiber slides into position on the wiring substrate, the guide groove extending partially along a length of the wiring head and forming an optical fiber path;